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SUBJ: ROSSEAU RIVER PROJECT - MANITOBA REJECTS U.S. PROPOSAL

1. PROVINCE OF MANITOBA HAS OFFICIALLY REJECTED A U.S. PROPOSAL UNDER WHICH WASHINGTON WOULD PAY ABOUT DOLS 4 MILLION TO OFFSET THE DAMAGE A MINNESOTA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT WILL HAVE ON SOUTHERN MANITOBA.

2. ACCORDING TO JAN 14 WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT MINISTER INFORMED OTTAWA IN A LETTER THAT THE DAMAGE WHICH THE ROSSEAU RIVER PROJECT WILL CAUSE IN MANITOBA CANNOT BE SATISFACTORILY MITIGATED UNDER THE U.S. PLAN. AT SAME TIME, MANITOBA INDICATED TO EXSTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON THAT IT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS EMPOUNDMENT PROPOSALS WHICH PROVINCE BELIEVES ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFER THAN FLUSHING THE WATERS INTO MANITOBA. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER BRIAN RANSOM HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID THE PROVINCE WOULD NOT DISCUSS ANY COMPENSATION SCHEME BECAUSE OF THE DOUBTS ABOUT THE BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT TO MANITOBA.

3. MANITOBA'S REJECTION OF ROSSEAU COMPENSATION PLAN HAS BROUGHT CHARGES FROM FORMER ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTER SIDNEY GREEN THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. NOW HAS "PERFECT PRECEDENT FOR IGNORING THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION AND PROCEEDING WITH THE GARRISON IRRIGATION PROJECT IN NORTH DAKOTA." NOTING THAT THE IJC HAS HAD AN EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD OVER THE YEARS, GREEN SAID "THE AMERICANS COULD NOW MERELY PROCEED WITH GARRISON AND DAMN THE CONSEQUENCES."

4. WE HAVE HOPE TO OBTAIN COPY OF LETTER FROM MANITOBA TO OTTAWA

EARLY NEXT WEEK WHEN PRINCIPAL OFFICER MEETS WITH MANITOBA ENVIRON-
MENT MINISTER.
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